

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Eurasia Regional
Program Title:	Rule of Law
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	110-0220
Status:	Continuing
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$1,410,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$800,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$1,326,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1993
Estimated Completion Date:	FY 2006

Summary: USAID's rule of law program promotes legal systems that better support democratic processes and market reforms through training, grants, and technical assistance in the following areas: regional approaches to legal education, including distance learning; building local legal reform organizations; and program development support for missions in rule of law and anti-corruption.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

Rule of law (\$1,410,000 FSA). USAID will continue to fund a series of training courses, each specifically tailored to the needs of E&E judges and lawyers. USAID is completing its final review of the organizational assessment conducted in FY 2002 describing how its program supporting a regional legal institute in Prague fits with the existing regional network of legal training and support institutions. This assessment includes a description of the roles and relationships of the program and its advisory board with collaborating institutions. In addition to the course titled "Judging in a Democratic Society," USAID will organize the development of training for human rights lawyers as a stand-alone course for Eurasia judges and legal specialists. The Eurasia regional institution building program has expanded to support in-country institution building advisors in eight countries. This is a critical advance for the program, and it is consistent with accelerating efforts to transfer increased responsibility for reform efforts to national staff.

The Distance Learning Program will assess the feasibility of developing, implementing, and sustaining supported distance learning legal studies partnerships in Europe and Eurasia. A preliminary business plan for long-term sustainability of the project will be developed as appropriate.

An additional country assessment is being considered as part of the E&E Regional Legal Impact Assessment, following which all eight country assessment findings will be synthesized into a final report on impact experience in the E&E region. Support to missions will continue with assessments, strategy advice, and program design to support mission rule of law and anti-corruption objectives. No new initiatives are planned to start in FY 2003. Principal contractors/grantees are: American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) (prime); Management Systems International (prime); Florida State University (prime); and local legal reform organizations.

FY 2004 Program:

Rule of law (\$1,326,000 FSA). In FY 2004, funding will be used to continue the institutionalization of legal education for Eurasians, both in Prague and via distance learning methods. It will also be used to continue to support the development of local legal reform NGO's so that they become sustainable, viable entities, and to continue assessments, strategy advice, and program support to missions.

Performance and Results: In FY 2002, USAID completed its support to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Anti-Corruption Network. Following the review of various proposals, USAID also transferred its Anti-Corruption Gateway for Europe & Eurasia website (<http://www.nobribes.org>) to Transparency International/Russia (TI/Russia) and the American Bar

Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI). TI/Russia and ABA/CEELI have agreed to operate the website jointly without USAID funding.

A business and sustainability plan has been completed for the legal institute in Prague, which establishes a fundraising committee. The committee has met with several corporations with interests in the region. Among other corporations, Exxon-Mobil and Microsoft have made initial gifts and pledges. Five local legal reform organizations in Central Asia have been through a first-round assessment workshop, culminating in 1-2 year organizational development plans. One organization reduced its reliance on development donor funding and is well on its way to financial sustainability.

The E&E regional rule of law impact assessment program began in October 2001. Two additional country assessments were completed in FY 2002 (Georgia and Ukraine), bringing to six the total number of country assessments completed so far.

USAID continued to provide support to Eurasia missions, e.g., a combined rule of law and anti-corruption assessment was conducted for USAID/Armenia to support the development of its strategy for the period FY 2004-FY 2008.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Eurasia Regional

110-0220 Rule of Law	ESF	FSA
Through September 30, 2001		
Obligations	52	11,495
Expenditures	52	10,816
Unliquidated	0	679
Fiscal Year 2002		
Obligations	0	697
Expenditures	0	795
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	52	12,192
Expenditures	52	11,611
Unliquidated	0	581
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	800
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA		
Obligations	0	1,410
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	0	2,210
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	0	1,326
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	52	15,728